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CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Christmas Greetings to the Euangel Family.

This Day in the City of David is Born a Savior.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Subject Not Exhausted Neither Will We Remain Silent About It.

The Gift of Tongues Distinct and Separate From the Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It is hardly needful for us to rehearse the teaching of the Bible concerning tongues as the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but as the Euangel is constantly finding its way into new homes it may be more necessary than we think. This truth has been heralded abroad by pen and tongue so much during the past seven years that one would almost think that it would have no antagonists, but sorry to say that although the Scripture is so plain to many yet there are millions of professed Christians as blind to it as the Hotentots of Africa. When we think of it in the broadest sense it is really surprising how few there are who really accept this point as a Scriptural truth. There are many who believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost as an experience subsequent to heart purity or sanctification who do not believe all will speak in tongues, when they are baptized with the Holy Ghost.

It is not our purpose to convince people of this fact by our arguments, but it is our duty to lay before them the Scriptures and leave the results with God and the people themselves. One of the missions of this little sheet is to advocate this neglected theme and God forbid that it should become silent and show the least appearance of compromise.

All Bible scholars admit that the one hundred and twenty who were in the upper room at Jerusalem were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and all who are free from prejudice and sensible admit that they all spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus who would baptize the people with the Holy Ghost, but of course said nothing about how they would know

when they received such an experience. But Jesus gave His disciples special instructions on this point and made it sufficiently plain until they never left the upper room and said they had received the Holy Ghost until they had spoken in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

If a great blessing and great joy had been the evidence, as so many claim to day, they could have said they received the Holy Ghost out at Bethany. If seeing Jesus after his death, burial and resurrection was the evidence they could have claimed the experience long before the day of Pentecost was fully come. If getting a view of Him as He was miraculously lifted up from the earth on His way to the right hand of the Father was the evidence they could have sung, "The Comforter has come," out at Bethany without going back to Jerusalem and tarrying there until He came. But no sir, none of these miraculous manifestations satisfied the disciples. They had been instructed definitely and they knew their business. If they had been like some of our would be instructors of to-day they would have been claiming they were baptized with the Holy Ghost before Jesus ever went away because of the power they had to cast out devils, heal the sick etc., but no sir, they were no fools even if they were ignorant and unlearned fishermen.

Jesus had instructed them and while they were dull of comprehension on some points yet this point was made so clear to them and their minds had been so impressed with the fact that they would talk in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance when He came that they never got tired and left the upper room after a few hours waiting and went down on

the streets and began to testify that they had the Holy Ghost simply because Jesus said He would send Him when He went away. No sir, they would not lie as people are lying in these days.

How many people do you know of to-day who are claiming they have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and don't even believe in speaking in tongues! They are the avowed enemies of the "tongues people." But here was a little crowd of people that would not be duped nor deceived. They would not say they had the Holy Ghost when they did not have Him.

For years the Christian Alliance people (I say it with all due respect to them for I believe they were honest and sincere,) had me deceived and testifying to an untruth.

I'm ashamed of it now. I ought to have known the Scriptures better, but I listened to their teaching because I had confidence in them.

They taught me to ask for the Holy Ghost (Luk 11:13) and believe I received Him because I asked for Him.

They were no doubt honest in their belief and teachings, but they did not know.

That little squad of disciples knew, and all the Sanhedrin council or doctors of the law could not have persuaded them they had received the Holy Ghost until they had spoken in tongues.

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me; And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." Jno. 15:26, 27.) The record may not give all the instructions He gave them on this point (John 21:25) but coming from His sacred lips it was enough any way as He only spoke what He meant and always meant what He said and they knew it.

That was enough to keep them from making the fatal mistake and running down stairs and saying "I have the Holy Ghost because I am full of joy and have received such

a wonderful blessing."

If the people to-day were as apt scholars as that little crowd of "ignorant" (?) fishermen John 15:26 and 27 would be enough to show them they had never yet received the Holy Ghost although they have been claiming the experience for years.

People of erudition today are standing before the multitudes and hurling "ignorance" back into the faces of those godly disciples when they were possessed with such knowledge and wisdom that they could not be deceived into saying they had the Holy Ghost until they, every one, spoke in tongues, while their critics are so blind and ignorant that they don't know what the word "testify" means and don't know that the Holy Ghost is a person that can talk.

They had only the instructions given by Jesus (which is enough,) but we have this and the instructions and experiences of these Holy apostles besides, and yet Bible readers reject the counsel given by them all and call us who speak in tongues by all sorts of names in derision and say we are actuated by the power of the devil.

Such misapplication of Scriptures in our day of schools, colleges, universities and high learning and education leads us to a state of wonderment after all about who are the most ignorant, our learned (?) professors of today or those ignorant (?) disciples who probably never spent a day in the school room during their life time. They knew enough not to claim they had the Holy Ghost till they had spoken in other tongues, while many Bible scholars (?) of today don't know enough to know danger of perverting Scripture. (2 Pet. 3:16). It hardly seems necessary to pass from John 15:27 and the second chapter of Acts for proof because that is proof enough to every unprejudiced mind that understands language and use of words, but we will refer briefly to Acts 10 where the Gentiles received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. There were six

brethren along with Peter who had some doubts as to whether God would baptize Gentiles with the Holy Ghost, but all doubts were removed when they heard them speak in other tongues. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the Gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." (Acts 10:45, 46).

Peter in referring to this incident later on said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." Acts 11:15. This means that they all spake with other tongues.

Now we refer briefly to Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

We have given three distinct references where they received the Holy Ghost and in every instance it is distinctly mentioned that those baptized with the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues, besides John 15:26 which gives the words of Jesus, who said the Holy Ghost would "testify" when He came.

We have one more Scripture to which to refer and this is the one our opposers ignorantly take to prove that not all will speak with tongues when receiving the Holy Ghost.

Philip had gone down to Samaria and taken the gospel to them. Devils were cast out and the sick were healed and people turned to the Lord believing Philip's preaching until "There was great joy in that city." Sounds like the same experience of the upper room saints who "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Luke 24:52

So much power was demonstrated as to attract Simon the sorcerer and so far surpassed him that he was put out of business, although up

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EDITORIAL NOTES

A Merry Christmas to All.

There is a way to make Christmas pleasant and happy for the children without spending it like a Fourth of July celebration.

All should rejoice at the memory of the birth of our Savior nineteen hundred years ago. His birth caused great rejoicing among the angels at that time and we have a much greater cause for rejoicing than they did, for He came to redeem us from our fallen condition.

We have heard of quite a number of our Sunday schools that have prepared songs, recitations, gifts for the children and religious services. This is right so long as we make Jesus the central theme and commemorate His birth day with a degree of sacredness and bestow honor upon His name.

We have been so overworked ever since the Assembly in readjusting everything pertaining to our publishing department that we did not get the Echoes ready for mailing as soon as we hoped. Some who ordered early no doubt are getting anxious for them, or may think the order has been neglected or lost, but if you will be patient with us we will fill every order just as soon as we can.

At the beginning of the new year will be a good time to commence paying tithes if you have not already been enjoying the keeping of this command. And don't just put them out any where you may feel impressed to put them, but put them in the store house, the Church of

God, where they belong. The proper place to put your tithes is in the church where your membership is, but if that is inconvenient put them in where you attend. But be sure and put them into the church. If I was ten-thousand miles away I would send my tithes to the church where I was a member. You may see by this statement how sure I am that I am right about the place where they belong. If you give any other place it should be a free-will offering.

W. S. Gentry, Alabama Overseer, spent several hours the latter part of last week in counsel with the General Overseer about the work in Alabama. He started back to his field of labor early on Monday morning. Judging from the good reports we have been receiving he is making full proof of his ministry and satisfying the saints well as far as he has gone.

In settling up the expense of the Assembly we find we are short to the amount of \$51.45. There was \$49.75 pledged that has not yet been paid in. These pledges run from 25c to 5.00 each. Surely no one has forgotten his promise. If there are any that have been disappointed in getting your amount promised and are not going to be able to pay it I would take it as a kindness on your part if you will write me about it so I can make other arrangements, for the bills must be paid.

Walter Barney, of Fosters Falls Va. who was arrested and bound over to court on a charge because he let his child die without using medicine or calling a physician informs us that his trial is set for January 11, 1915. Hope all the saints will pray for God to overrule this matter for our good and His glory. Hold brother Barney and his family up in prayer during this sore trial.

It is no little job to prepare the Sunday school literature, and that has to be ready by the first of the year. We have been trying to work it all along together, and of course we have to get the Evangel off every week besides. I know you will all bear with us. Of course we could do much better if we had plenty of means so we could hire more help, etc., but as we are limited on this line we have to work on the best we can.

The building fund is slowly increasing as you will see

by the figures below. There have been many promises made but we are only reporting the cash receipts.

Previously reported \$14.00
S. Jane Hensley, Cleveland, Tenn., 1.00
Mrs. W. E. Ricketts, White Stone, Ga., 1.00
Mrs. E. M. Loggins, Rome, Ga., 1.00
Josie Harper, Rome, Ga., 1.00
Elam Culpepper, Rome, Ga., .50
Thomas Harper, Rome, Ga., .25

We are expecting some larger sums to report soon.

Keep on praying and believing. I'm sure we are on the right road to success. Thank God. Look up and feel good and look pleasant and sweet. This will make some one else feel better. Love and "Sunshine" is what people need.

As we stated last week the Sunday school literature is not up to our ideal, but this gives us a start and I'm sure it is a degree of satisfaction to all to have our own literature even if it is rather incomplete in regard to grades, appearance, etc. You will help us now by placing your orders at once for the first quarter of 1915. The more orders we have the first quarter with a fair guarantee of an increase next quarter the more rapid we can grow toward the desired standard.

Another Soldier Fallen.

W. S. Payne, of Rock Island, Tenn., who was with us at the Assembly and delivered the message at one of the night services was very suddenly called from earth to glory the 15th inst. He was engaged in a revival meeting and was walking along the road praising God for such good health, when all of a sudden he spoke to the brother that was with him, thus: "Brother White"—and as Brother White raised his head and cast his eyes upon him he was falling. He only breathed one time after falling to the ground.

Our brother, T. S. Payne, who resides here, his nephew was called to conduct the funeral service.

A clipping from the "Ghattanooga (Tenn.) News" has this to say: Sparta, Dec. 16—Rev. W. S. Paine a well known evangelical minister, dropped dead while walking along the road north of here yesterday. He was seemingly in good health and had just begun a series of meetings the previous day. He was trustee of White county some years ago. He was 65

years of age and is survived by ten children.

Statenville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I feel called to write a few words to the paper. I am praising God for salvation. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on my way to heaven. I ask all the saints to pray for me and my family that we may do the will of God and always be found low down at His feet where we can do His will at all times.

There are not many of us at this place now, but we can meet together and the Lord will meet with us and we can have a good time. The Lord blesses us good in our meetings. Any one will be welcome to come and preach to us.

Your brother,
A. B. Boon.

State Overseers and Their Address.

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Sunday School Literature.

Our supplies to commence with consists of the little picture cards for the children lesson leaves, each leaf containing one lesson; the quarterly, containing all the lessons for one quarter, and arranged for the primary, intermediate and adults all combined; and the Sunday school helper as a Sunday school paper.

Prices.

Picture cards per set. 4c
Lesson leaves, per doz. 6c
" " per 25, 10c
Quarterlies, each, 5c
Sunday School Helper 20c per year.

"Jesus Only" buttons 5c each or 35c per doz.

"Church of God Sunday School" buttons, same price as above. Order of this office.

Tyner, Tenn.

God in His infinite wisdom has called sister R. S. Fuller from earth to that city beyond the sky. Sister Fuller was 77 years of age. She was a resident of Chattanooga for 60 years and was a member of the first Baptist Church at that place 40 years. About seven years ago she came to this place where she heard the true gospel. One night as she was returning home from meeting a light encircled her and she took it as a token that God was going to let her live till she got sanctified.

This fall, God saw her time was short and He arranged so Bro. Geo. Sprinkler could hold a meeting about seven miles from here. It was a long way, but we took her and she got sanctified.

She then attended the meeting at Ridgedale where she heard brother J. L. Scott preach and she received the Holy Ghost. I took her to the Assembly and she enjoyed herself there. One of her arms had been out of place for a long time. Two doctors said it never would be well, but at the Assembly the saints prayed for her and she was healed and come back shouting the victory.

Sister Fuller departed this life December 1st 1914. She was a member of the Church of God at Ridgedale and brother J. L. Scott conducted her funeral. She was laid to rest in the Tyner Cemetery.

S. W. Vinson.
A. L. Cooper.
J. W. Ellis.
Nora Hawhel.
Committee.

Sale Creek, Tenn.

Dear Saints:

I am glad to know this beautiful morning that the Lord is my sheperd and I shall not want. Praise God for the Holy Ghost this morning. Praise Him for His healing power and saving grace. Praise His sweet name for giving my whole family the Holy Ghost--three daughters, one son and companion and myself. Praise God forever.

Pray for us to stay humble at the feet of Jesus and do more next year than we have this.

Nancy Gentry.

Prayer Wanted.

Dear saints of the Church of God:

I humbly beg you all to pray a special prayer to God that I may be a true worker and able to stand against the wiles of the devil and receive the salvation I once had. Pray earnestly until God answers. So much work that needs to be done. Pray!
M. M. Chester.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Florida.

H. B. Simmons, in absence of State Overseer, W. S. Carruthers, who came later.

At General Assembly.

I don't know much about Bro. Caruther's work in the state, but believe he has traveled and worked over the state from north to south, and established 3 new churches during the past year. We have not had so many big revivals but the churches are more rooted and grounded in the truth.

We need more love. I used to think we had to bring them in dead, or alive, have learned we need to bring them in alive.

Foster Falls, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank the dear Lord this morning for the privilege of writing my testimony to His glory. Two years ago the 9th of last June I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Two years in October I stepped out on divine healing. Three days later the test came with some thing like cramp-colic. I suffered for two months, but I was determined to trust the Lord live or die, so when He saw it was enough He healed me instantly. I have not been to say sick since.

It would take several pages to tell my experience of the blessings, the trials and the persecutions. It is sweet to know that Jesus is with me to help in time of need.

Glory to His dear name.

We are all bereaved over the loss of our dear brother J. J. Lowman. Pray that God will give us another that will feed us with the Word as he did.

Pray for my husband and two children that they may receive the Holy Ghost.

Glory to Jesus. I feel His sweet Spirit burning in my soul this morning.

Your sister under the blood,

Amelia Burnett.

Lake Butler, Fla.

I feel led to write a short testimony. I am still on the side of victory, praise the Lord. We had meeting at Sampson City last Sunday, and washed feet and took the Lord's supper. The Lord did wonderfully bless in the meeting. The morning service closed at 1:30 o'clock. We had recess one hour and went back and opened up again with an altar service.

The people that were hungry fell into the altar. The meeting continued until near sundown. We then went to the depot and had service there. On one side of the fire was a large crowd of col-

ored people and the other side white people and the Lord was in the midst.

We ask all to pray for the little band at Lake Butler. Twelve months ago when I came here we could only have prayer meeting in our own home, but praise God, He has blest us with a little band all fired up with the Holy Ghost. Have prayer meeting twice a week. Pray that I may keep low at His feet.

H. J. Thomas.

Calhoun, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have not seen in the Evangel any testimonies from our church at Crane Eater, and thought I would write a few lines.

A year ago there were only three at this place that had received the Holy Ghost, and we had to worship in private homes, but thank God we have a nice little church, forty members, and about thirty of this number has been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The enemy has been raging in this part of the country, but God has been working in a wonderful way. Last Sunday night two received the Holy Ghost, several at the altar, God manifested His presence by fire, and came as a mighty rushing wind.

Glory to God in the highest for sending this wonderful gospel to our community.

Three months ago He filled me with the Holy Ghost, and the way is growing brighter each day. I hope and pray that I may live each day so that others may see the light and turn away from darkness and walk in newness of life.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

I want all the readers of the Church of God Evangel to pray for our little band at Crane Eater, that we may stand true to God, grow in grace, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Love to all the readers of this blessed little paper.

Your sister under the blood,

Mrs. Amanda Poarch.

Parrott, Va.

Dear brother Tomlinson:

I feel it would be to the glory of God for me to sound a note of praise to God for what He has done for me.

He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am glad I can witness to His keeping grace.

I was saved eleven years ago and joined the M. E.

Church. Six years later I was sanctified and in a short time was baptized with the Holy Ghost and thought I had it all, but I saw greater light. I was like a little bird turned out of a cage. Yes, glory to God, I was free from sin and men made creeds and secret orders, and thought I was in the Church of God till I heard brother J. J. Lowman preach the Word on the Church right. Then I took a dive into it. I praise God for the day the Lord added me and brother Barney and his wife to the dear old Church of God.

Since that time there have been a large number added and the fire is still burning.

Glory! Glory! There is no chance of getting it stopped.

We have had many hard battles, but had victory in every fight. I sure need the prayers of all the saints to help me discharge my duty and abide in the calling where-in I am called.

I find the Lord can and does heal the body when we get sick. We are trusting God for both soul and body.

The Lord took one of our children, but we did not doctor any. We haven't used any medicine for four years.

I ask the prayers of all the dear saints.

Yours under the blood,
F. J. Crowder.

Roan Mountain, Tenn.

Dear brother Tomlinson:

I have been getting the Church of God Evangel for some time and love it much, for it is food to my soul. I am saved and sanctified and I want to be filled with the Holy Ghost. I believe in the Church of God. I have wondered all of my life, why the preachers did not preach the Church of God, but now I know—they did not have the Holy Ghost. I want the Church to pray for wife and I to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Most all the people around here believe they receive the Holy Ghost when they are sanctified. We have a prayer meeting here every Sunday. The people do not believe in government.

Brother Will Anderson came and preached for us a few times and told us about the gifts. I do not belong to the Church literally but I belong to it by faith in Christ Jesus. Paul says we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Your brother under the blood.

Robert Edney.

Virginia.

Walter Barney, in the absence of State Overseer J. J.

Lowman, who was sick, at the General Assembly:

I am glad of the privilege of representing Virginia. We have several churches there, and the members are getting stronger and closer to God. Folks are fighting us at other places. We only have one Bishop, Bro. Lowman, and he has not been able to preach to the churches the last twelve months on account of illness.

We are doing our best to press on with God, and ask an interest in your prayers.

Scobey, Miss.

To the Evangel Family:

I am still on the way in the land of Canaan, and kept by the power of God.

Just home from the Delta, where I held a ten days' meeting. God was there in power. Bless His dear name! Six were saved, four sanctified and two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost the Bible way. I left the altar full of seekers crying for mercy. Pray for them.

Thank God for these last days, when the things that have been hid from the wise and prudent are being revealed unto babes. I feel more determined to go through.

This way just suits me. Praise God! When the smoke is cleared away, I will be found on the battle field.

I ask the saints to pray that God may have His own sweet way with me.

Yours under the blood,
D. W. Dollahite.

Fort Green, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers and all the Saints Scattered Abroad:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name—I want to ask room in our dear little paper for a part of my testimony as I have never written to the paper before. O, I praise God for sending dear brother and sister Buckalew and sister Bertha Smith and some other earnest workers to Ft. Green. May God bless them. They told me there was power in the blood to redeem a backslider and put the power of God back in his life. Oh, I praise God for this salvation that can cleanse a man and redeem him from sin. He broke the chains that bound me and set me free. The burden of sin rolled away and I am free today with victory in my soul. Saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, how I praise God for the light on the Church of that He sent me through brother Buckalew. May God bless him and all the saints of God everywhere. Amen. Glory to God.

G. L. Hendry.

Zephyr Hill, Fla.

To the dear saints scattered abroad greeting in Jesus name:

I have been requested to make a report of the meeting at Graham, Fla., where there are many hungry hearts.

We held meetings in the Methodist church. The Lord wonderfully blest in giving out the Word, and in praying and singing. Glory to God!

There are a good many people at that place, and they were made to weep on account of the presence of God. The altar was filled with seekers. Some were saved and sanctified, and came into the Church of God.

Glory!

We boarded the train for this place, and are hoisting the tent for another battle.

Pray that God will give us souls for our labor.

I want to add—I am feeling good in my soul. I have just read the Evangel through with tears streaming from my eyes, as I think that the harvest is so great and the laborers so few; but thank God, the old Church of God is moving on.

Pray for me. I want to be more like Jesus.

Your sister,
Pearlie Collier
and E. B. Culpepper
and wife.

Dallas, Ga.

Dear Evangel:

I am glad salvation is free. I am glad that He saved me. Bless His holy name.

God has done so much for me. I can't do enough for Him. He took me up out of sin and cleansed me from all unrighteousness. Praise His holy name. I am so glad to have the little paper in our home. Am glad that God's children are thanking Him for what He has done for them. Am glad that God is gathering more into the Church of God.

My love to all of God's children. May God bless you all.

Caroline Cox.

DEATH

God saw fit to take brother J. A. Miller, of Dawson, Ala., home to rest. About ten days before he died he followed the Lord in the water baptism. He put his trust in God and took no medicine. Just before he died he called us to pray that God would make him willing to go. After the prayer he said, "Turn me over and watch me." He closed his eyes and went to sleep in Jesus.

When God takes the dear ones it makes me want to go on.

Your humble brother,
Henry Miller.

Comfort in the Scriptures.

SAM C. PERRY.

For every unpleasant condition of life there is some scripture which if read and pondered, would give relief to the heart. Throughout the journey of life the word of God should be "the man of our counsel." Many of our weaknesses and shortcomings could be understood and overcome if we searched our Bibles more carefully and then walked in the light and appropriated the many promises contained therein.

We have selected a few promises and placed them with the special needy conditions that they would relieve.

When you are burdened, read Ps. 55:22, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." Also 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

When in need of guidance read Ps. 32:8: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Also Ps. 48:14: "For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Also Isaiah 58:11: "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in draught and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not." Also John 16:13: "He will guide you into all truth." There is no use for us to stumble along with such a guide and such promises as this at our disposal.

If you are discouraged read Deut. 31:6: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them: for the Lord, thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee" and Ps. 27:14: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thy heart; wait I say on the Lord." He further says He shall strengthen your heart "all ye that hope in the Lord."

There is positively no need for our being discouraged if we keep faithful to our great Commander. All discouragements come from the enemy, satan, and if we lean on God's promises and move forward He will give us the victory.

During our hard work and all the crosses and trials, we find great comfort and courage in leaning on His Word.

If the way seems dark read such passages as "Jesus is the light of the world," he that follows Him shall not abide

in darkness, but "shall have the light of life," and He hath said "I will never forsake thee or fail thee." I will guide thee with mine eye." All such promises light up the Christian's pathway as he puts his feet upon them and believes for deliverance.

Do you have doubts, read the promises that God has given for the blessings which satan tries to make you doubt.

Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God.

His promises put faith in us. Is your faith weak on the line of every day victory over the tongue and in all the trials? Read the promises for grace to overcome, keeping power. Are you weak in faith for the healing of your body? Then go over the promises of healing in God's Word. Is your faith weak on financial lines? Then read the many promises God gives for daily temporal needs etc.

The Word of God produces faith in us. His Word is the ground for our expecting these blessings.

Are you tempted to fear read Exodus 14:13; Isaiah 8:12; 35:4; 41:10: "say to them that are of a fearful heart be strong, fear not. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will keep thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." There are many other passages that we might add to these, assuring us of the faithfulness of our God and of His protection to those who put their trust in Him.

These are only a few of the many promises that cover all the needs of the Christian, needs for the spiritual grace and power, needs for the mind and body, and for all the material blessings. He has made full provision for all things. St. Paul declares "my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Let us "come boldly to a throne of grace that we may find grace to help in time of need."

His promises include grace for all the patience, love, humility, gentleness, kindness, wisdom, faith, power for all things, that we need.

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to this time he had been recognized as one possessing the great power of God." Although the sick were healed, devils cast out, miracles wrought and there was great joy in the city, yet the Holy Ghost had fallen upon none of them Acts 8:16. When Peter and John got down there "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:17. This seemed to astonish Simon more than ever and it must have been because he saw something else that had not been demonstrated heretofore. Although he had been with Philip and witnessed the casting out of devils, miracles and healings, yet he was not so much attracted that it created in him a manifest desire to do such things himself, but "when (he) Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power." Acts 8: 18, 19. This was something new to him and more desirable than anything else he had seen. In the face of John 15:26, Acts 2:4, 10:46, and 19:6 who could doubt but what it was speaking with tongues that so attracted Simon? One who would doubt this is in my judgment either prejudiced against the tongues as the evidence, blind or ignorant.

Nowhere does the Scripture say they will not speak with tongues when the Holy Ghost comes, and only in this one place where people were receiving the Holy Ghost does the Scripture remain silent about the tongues and does not here say they did not speak in tongues, but the inference is that they did, and that was what attracted Simon so much that he wanted to buy the power that would make people talk in tongues.

In the face of these Scriptures it is surprising to know that so many men of education and professed knowledge of the Bible who claim to be Christians deny speaking with tongues as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

They have one other Scripture to which they resort as a last means of carrying their point and by referring to that in connection with the baptism they are exposing their ignorance yet more and more. They are "knowing" people in their own estimation, but they prove that they don't know enough to know that they don't know anything about

the Bible as they ought to know it in the position they occupy as teachers of the people. These same people brand us as a "set of ignoramuses" because we talk in tongues, and by giving out their teaching they prove themselves to be blind and ignorant too. We are not afraid to expose them even if they do carry a long title to their names.

The twelfth chapter of 1st Cor. does not refer at all to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but only to the Gifts of the Spirit that are to follow the receiving of the Spirit. The first verse is enough to show but as Paul well knew that wise (?) headed men of modern times would be so "woolgathered" as to confound the tongues as the evidence of the baptism with the gifts, he finishes up the chapter with about the same thought regarding the reference being made to the gifts.

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." 1 Cor. 12: 1. "But covet earnestly the best gifts." 1 Cor. 12: 3.

Between these two verses is given the standard working order of the church. In this standard nine gifts of the Spirit are named, and one only is "divers kinds of tongues." The apostle here shows that not every one will have all these gifts, but shows that one may have one gift and another another gift etc. and winds up by saying, "Do all speak with tongues?" as if not every one would have the gift of tongues.

In the Scriptures referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost there is not even a hint about the gifts of the Spirit, but only such expressions as "Receive ye the Holy Ghost, Baptized with the Holy Ghost, The gift of the Holy Ghost" etc. But in 1 Cor. 12, it is exclusively about the Gifts of the Spirit which is to follow the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and not the slightest hint of the experience referred to in Jno. 15: 26; Acts 2:4 Acts 8:17 Acts 10:46 and Acts 19:6.

Now if this is not clear to some who may read this article I have only two Scriptural positions in which to place them. The first is 1 Cor. 2:14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto Him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

The second is 2 Cor. 4:3, 4: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not,

lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

This article may seem rather radical to some, but I am determined never to compromise nor show the slightest degree of shrinking from declaring the whole counsel of God on this point while the enemy is trying so hard to "sling mud" in the eyes of people to blind them and get them to settle down on a lower plain of religion, and thus cause them in many instances to lose their souls because of failing to walk in the light as God is in the light that the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse and keep them cleansed from all sin. 1 Jno. 1:7.

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